



COMMISSION ON IMPROVING THE STATUS OF CHILDREN IN INDIANA

October 23, 2015

Re: Juvenile Justice Reentry Education Program: Opening Doors to College and Careers through Career and Technical Education

To Whom It May Concern:

The Commission on Improving the Status of Children in Indiana was established in 2013 by Governor Mike Pence and the Indiana General Assembly. It is charged with studying and evaluating services for vulnerable youth, promoting information sharing and best practices, and reviewing and making recommendations concerning pending legislation.

On October 21, 2015, the Executive Committee of the Commission on Improving the Status of Children in Indiana endorsed the proposal being made by the Indiana Department of Correction/Division of Youth Services (IDOC/DYS) to implement three new career certification programs at the Pendleton Juvenile Correctional Facility and to expand existing career certification offerings at the Logansport Juvenile Correctional Facility.

Indiana's Department of Workforce Development is heavily involved in this initiative and has proven to be a strong partner with IDOC/DYS. Additionally, the Education Outcomes Task Force of the Commission on Improving the Status of Children in Indiana has been involved with the planning and identification of successful career pathways for youth who find themselves to be court-involved.

Ultimately, this initiative is about ensuring successful transition back into the community for youth, which we fully support. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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